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## Reagan Denies Administration Falters

Washington, Jan. 14.—President agan today rejected criticism that administration was in disarray and tended that faulty news reports, not leadership, had caused the problem. I came in to point out to you accurately where the disarray lies, "the disarray lies," the leadership had been to you accurate the continuous of the disarray lies," the white flours a reven to be going ound, because they are not based on t."

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### Congressman Proposes Plan for 3 Million Jobs.

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# Transcript of President's News Conference on Foreign and Domestic Matters

#### OPENING STATEMENT

Ladies and sentienen. I have a statement here. But before I begin, I just want to explain fine subject of this. There has been such disarray approaching chose in the press corps with regard to the subject of arms revieled into complete disorder that maybe we should straighten out the intresubject. The subject of arms revieled into complete disorder that maybe we should straighten out the intresubject. The subject of arms of the subject of arms are subject to the subject of arms are subject to the subject of the

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Determined to Get Somewhere

My point is that now we're in a position to get somewhere, and I'm determined that we shall.

The other quality I mentioned was determination. Recently I made a few management changes so that we'll be a shall be a

Q. Mr. President, do you think we it would be good to have a summit meeting with Andropov first to try to nail down what they're really proposing now, what all these new proposals mean and are you ready for such a summit.

summit?

A. No, I think that since the talks are supposed to begin early in February, the first week of February, General Rowny and Ed Nitze are prepared to go there. I think that that takes place first and we see then what

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Perception of Disarray

Q. Well, sir. I have a question on one of the things you mentioned, the subject of disarray, if I may. There is a perception, Mr. President, that the disarray is here in the White House, that you have been out of touch, that you have hed to be dragged back by your staff and friends on Capitol Hill a mater assisted decisions in the

Need for Summit Meeting
Q. Mr. President, do you think we it
for such a meeting. Questions on the
same subject?

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Likelihood of Arms Treaty

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Q. By the time your first term is over [inaudible] but do you really think that by the time your first term is up that we will have an arms reduction treaty with the Soviet Union? One knowing the history of the some is attempts by this country to bring about arms reduction and control with the Soviet Union in the past, to make prediction or put a time limit of any kind on this. I will say this: We will say at at a table negotiating as long as there is any chance at all of securing arms reduction because it is the most important problem facing this genera-

#### Alternatives in Talks

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Q. Sir, could you comment on stories that have circulated in recent
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days that the capture alternatives to your recy (inaudible)?
A. No, and here you're getting dangerously into an area that can't be
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the there is no strategy and you
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Q. Mr. President, a lot of the criticism which you referred to earlier to which you referred to earlier to the president of the control of the contro

#### A Good Week for Leaks

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Q. Sir, may I follow that for a secodd Since the policy on leaks was andynuced on Monday, the Secretary of
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yeek for leaks and for reporters. Does
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A. Well, I haven't seen the exact words of some of those statements, but I would suggest that maybe they were trying to explain away the misstatements, or the assumptions, that had been made.

#### Military Budget Cuts Q. Mr. Secretary — oh, Mr. President —

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Q. Mr. Secretary — oh, Mr. President —
A. Gee, I thought for a minute 1'd lost my job!
Q. In addition to the Secretaries, Secretary Regan, Secretary Weinbert Secretary Regan, Secretary Weinbert Secretary Regan, Secretary Weinbert Secretary Regan Secretary Weinbert Secretary Regan Secretary Weinbert Secretary Regan Secretary Re

#### Social Security Issue

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Q. Mr. President, we've been told our time with you is limited. On Social Security, your chief of staff has said social Security, your chief of staff has said moving up the payroll tax increased into effect down the road. What will you do if the Social Security Commission of the social Security Commission, and recommendations?

A. The — well, well see if they're so going to. If they're going to plan on a few more days before they come to make a decision, then well give them they are considered to the social some of the dispute centers on the subject of whether increased tax revenues well as the social some operation of the dispute centers on the subject of whether increased tax revenues were supported to the social some operation of the dispute centers on the subject of whether increased tax revenues were important to the social some operation of the social social

pointed some. So it is a commission' appointed some. So it is a commission' appointed by both sides and both the property of t

#### Confidence in Nitze

Q. Does Paul Nitze have your confidence? A. Yes, yes.

#### On Campaign Promises

[Unidentified voice]: Please, we've got to stop. When Helen says "thank you," that's it.
Q. But Helen's the one who there asked another question.
[Unidentified voice]: She said, "Thank you."

#### Dismissal of Rostow

Q. Why did you fire Mr. Rostow, Mr.

President?

[Unidentified voice]: Sandra, please!

A. Sandra, that's all been explained away, and it's in here in the state-inent, that we were simply streamlining the management.

C. Come back here and see us soon!

A. Yes, I enjoy this here. I guess I can teat all of you in the Oval Office.

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